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Between Ignorance and Evil - Thoughts on Venezuela

Introduction: Restoring Reason in an Age of Manipulation

The Duke Report serves as a platform dedicated to investigating the systems that shape human belief and the structures of power and persuasion that define our world. This work focuses on what is termed "epistemological warfare"—the ongoing conflict regarding how we perceive reality and process information. Following the destruction of the original project in the Pacific Palisades fire of January 2025, the mission was rebuilt to provide a resource for independent thinkers to strengthen their discernment and question the frames through which current events are presented.

A Critical Perspective on the Venezuelan Intervention

The military operation in Venezuela on January 3, 2026, represents a significant escalation in global affairs. While many observers have reacted with enthusiasm to the removal of a foreign president, this action mirrors "gangster-style" regime change rather than traditional American values. This intervention is not an isolated event but a manifestation of a criminal government structure—unbounded by party lines—that utilizes epistemological warfare to compromise public thinking.

Analysts such as Owen Shroyer have noted that the support for this operation among the American public suggests a psychological shift toward uncritical acceptance of regime-change wars. These conflicts are often driven by special interests, including oil companies and foreign interests, rather than the stated goals of defeating communism or stopping drug trafficking. Furthermore, the focus on foreign intervention distracts from unresolved domestic issues, such

as the influence of the deep state, the exposure of elite networks, and the protection of free speech.

The Five-Layer Pyramid of Global Control

To understand these events, one must examine a provocative model of global power. This structure functions as a five-layer pyramid held together by the control of language, culture, and finance to shape what people accept as reality.

1. Prisoners of the Cave: At the base of the pyramid are the majority of people, described through Plato's "Allegory of the Cave". In the modern context, the "shadows on the wall" are the flickering lights of phones, tablets, and televisions that feed individuals a curated version of the world. Those who question these digital shadows are often marginalized or labeled as conspiracy theorists to maintain social control.
2. True Believers: Above the general public are the "True Believers," individuals whose identities are entirely consumed by a political cause. Whether involved in MAGA or other activist movements, these individuals often seek to escape personal responsibility by adopting simple answers and identifying clear enemies.
3. Assets and Handlers: The middle layers consist of "Assets"—journalists, activists, or bankers who serve an elite agenda, often without realizing they are pieces on a larger chessboard. These assets are managed by "Handlers," public figures who occupy the revolving door between corporations and government. Organizations such as the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) serve as handler networks that guide policy regardless of which political party is in power.
4. The Power Elite Oligarchy: At the peak sits an ancient, family-based power structure. This elite uses corporations, banks, and private foundations as "immortal vehicles" to execute long-term plans that span generations. Their strategy is one of

patience and deliberation, steering society through a "global public-private partnership" where policy is decided by private makers like the World Economic Forum and enforced by national governments.

The Anglo-American Empire and the Weaponization of the State

The current military actions are not strictly "American" moves but are better understood as actions of the Anglo-American Empire. In this framework, the United States acts as a tool for a European-based oligarchy that controls the City of London, the Federal Reserve, and the Bank for International Settlements.

Historically, this power structure consolidated control over the United States through the banking system, culminating in the creation of the Federal Reserve on December 23, 1913. This shift effectively ended the sovereign status of the U.S. by placing its monetary system—and by extension its government—under the control of private banking interests.

Technocracy, Energy, and the Future of Governance

The drive for energy independence among continents is a central component of modern geopolitical strategy. Plans such as the Cambridge University "Absolute Zero" plan for 2050 envision a world where continents are self-sufficient under a "feudal technocracy". This involves rearranging spheres of influence to ensure that land-based powers (tellurocracies) like Russia and China remain independent of one another, maintaining the dominance of the seaborn empire (thalassocracy) currently led by the Anglo-American interests.

In this environment, individuals like Pete Hegseth and other high-ranking officials appear to be "cast" for their roles in a Hollywood-like fashion rather than chosen for domain expertise. Their rhetoric often employs sophisticated linguistic tools and symbolism

to project an image of authority and justice while further entrenching the interests of the oligarchy.

Conclusion: Navigating the Epistemological War

Society is currently engaged in a massive information war where the primary battleground is the human mind. To fight this war, individuals must move beyond jumping to conclusions and begin asking deeper questions about the frameworks they are given.

True freedom requires more than just political rights; it requires ontological freedom—the ability to think independently of the power structure's narratives. The path forward involves local organization, self-education, and the rejection of manufactured dialectics that pit citizens against one another. Only by recognizing the true nature of the power structure can individuals begin to restore reason and reclaim their independence.